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## MUNICIPAL MUDDLE.

A Many-Sided Fight in the New York City Government.

The Mayor Enjoined From Making, and the Council From Confirming Appointments.

Acting Mayor Kirk's Opportunity—How He Proposes to Improve It—Roosevelt's Mistake.

People claim to have received 14,000,000 bushels of oats during the last year, and to have shipped 13,000,000 bushels and grain.

The Chicago Tribune mentions it report that the railroads of this state have united to secure the selection of a United States Senator from Illinois favorable to their interests, and it is intimated that Hon. Wm Brown, of Jacksonville, is their choice.

The New York World says it thinks Horatio G. Morrison is a perpendicularly in personality, but it's panel to see him advance to tally brambles and impenetrable thorns touching the tariff! What a happy time the boys will have when they get the reins in hand!

The Chicago Tribune sums up the disasters of the year of 1884 as follows: So far as reported, 3,423 lives have been lost upon the ocean, 79 upon our inland water, 621 by railroads, 2,507 by disasters in the New World, and 993 by disasters in the Old World, or a grand total of 101,884.

"No Southern man sees but one solution of the problem," writes the chairman of a Democratic early committee in North Carolina—"and that is for him to lead and the negro to follow." This would certainly be a more satisfactory solution than that heretofore accepted for the negro to lead, and the Southern white men to follow, with a shotgun.

Jony B. Starnes, the great New York life insurance policy holder in the world, has paid premiums on \$720,000. His own life is insured for \$360,000. The policies for the other \$360,000 he holds on his many agents' and nephews' lives. William H. Vanderbilt is insured for \$60,000. Every policy he owns has been tested during the past five years.

The Roman Catholic newspaper published this morning attempts to show that Wm. J. Gallogher, the Catholic election crook, is not a Democrat but a Republican. It is curious if it is true that Jim Mackin could be more interested in the victory of one corner, and that Mike McDevitt of the other, so anxious to go on his head. Come Mr. Remond, don't try to stand out at such a very dangerous angle.

The enterprise which had set fire destroyed 1,000 houses, and failed to burn the spire of the cathedral, though such disturbance was to be expected. Numerous fires were started November 1, 1750, in the earth-pit in Portugal when both 6,000 persons and when it was extinguished by Humboldt took several portions of the earth to extinguish the fire times the amount of the damage states that 25,000 persons were probably destroyed by the earth-pit which was 100 feet deep. A J. 525.

The Chicago Herald, a good old Democrat, there speaks of the way the party is to bring the government back to simpler methods, by starting out with the tickets for the inauguration ball shows that power makes everybody pure and exclusive. Six months ago the Democrats were protesting that they were the poor man's friends. Now they are getting up a dance in Washington which nobody but representatives of some sort can attend. This sign important fact has already gone into the scrap-bins for use in the lower run.

IMMIGRATION into the port of New York showed a decrease during the past year as compared with the figures of the preceding year. In 1883 319,435 arrived at Castle Garden, as against 388,295 in 1882.

**SURINAMER JOURNAL.** The State Conference of Prohibitionists which closed its meetings at Decatur Tuesday, was as usual a body as ever met in the State. It was entirely under the domination of St. John, who vented his pent-up spite against the Republican party with no proof from the conference. He charged the Republicans with conniving with the liquor interests to defeat prohibition, and has not a word of recognition for its unique effects in behalf of temperance. An address to the State was adopted by the conference, in which is urged the duty of Prohibitionists to maintain a distinct political organization till the next Presidential campaign. All this must be very discouraging to the true friends of temperance.

**A Starting Discovery.** Mr. Wm. Johnson of Huron, Dak., writes that his wife had been troubled with neuralgia for many years, and that all remedies had given permanent relief, until he prepared a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, & Colds, which had a magical effect, and proved a permanent cure. It is recommended to persons suffering from "bills, lumps, or Bunion Disease of the foot." Bottled free of Steenring's & Hubbard's drug store. Large size \$1.00.

YOUNG MEN—READ THIS.

The VOLTAGE BLDG. Co., of Marshall, Mich., offer to send their celebrated ELECTRIC YOUTH BLDG. and other Electrical Appliances, a set of thirty days, to any young man, with his name, address, age, and all kind of trouble. Also for rheumatism, neuralgia, paralysis, and many other diseases. Complete restoration to health, vigor and manhood guaranteed. No risk is incurred as they are fully warranted. Write them at the office some weeks ago. Their first call after rest yesterday was to instruct the

**The Pioneer Press** says of Cleveland's civil service letter: "The nestest thing in the letter is the closing intimation to Democrats that he doesn't mean to let them make a howling waste to him with solicitations for office." It will cause many a great Democrat to ask: "What are we here for?"

Gents' Smoking Jackets at B. Stine's

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Sweeping Reduction Made in Telegraph Rates.

New York, January 1.—The year 1884 closed with the New York City Government in a curious condition. The fight between the Mayor, the Aldermen, the lawyers and the courts had been going on for several days. The situation was that the Mayor and Aldermen were both enjoined from making or confirming nominations, and the citizens' committee or members of it, which say they know of bribery and corruption among the Aldermen, were threatening arrests all around. The Mayor locked himself in his inner office of the policemen in the automobile, and refused to see anyone he didn't want to see, including newspapermen. In the meantime the injunction matter was being argued before Judge Truxall in motion to dissolve. That case was through to 12:30, and Truxall said he'd give his opinion later. The Aldermen, however, had waited until the evening. It didn't come. The Mayor got tired of waiting and sent in the names of Rollin M. Souto for Commissioner of Public Works, the great patronage position vacated by Robert L. Thompson, and the name of George F. Dyer for Corporation Counsel. The vote that followed on the first nomination showed that Tammany and the Republicans had made a truce. They voted together for confirmation. The county Democracy voted against, but afterward changed its vote to the ground, but it was too late. The Aldermen, who had known man appointed than to take the chances that might come later, then were rejected by the same vote. Of course this action of the Mayor and Aldermen put them in contempt of court. Judge Truxall said, "The Aldermen did not give his opinion last night, and the rain had tended to the law books of reference and he couldn't use them. Everybody laughed at this."

The next problem that came up was in regard to the new act under which the new Mayor takes his seat. It is called the "constitutional act," and, among other things, gives him authority to make a full confirmation by the Aldermen. He goes into office at twelve noon, today. Edson, present Mayor, went out on a old law at midnight last night. Hence there is a minimum of twelve hours in which there is no Mayor. The law of the President of the Board of Education, which gives the title of President of the Board to the Vice-President of the Board of Education, is violated. Therefore the President of the Board, as he proposes to use his authority as Acting Mayor, and appoint corporation counsel and other minor officials. He can appoint without confirmation, because the constitution act was passed on the 12th, and the Aldermen were not appointed under it. It does not go into effect until twelve hours later. Mr. Theodore Roosevelt is probably sorry he didn't look at his bill closer.

There is also chance of conflict between the City Council Board of Aldermen, who have their own board, and the incoming board which holds that they went into office last night. A very likely meeting is already prepared to start the new year with.

At 12 this morning Alderman Kirk was confirmed as Mayor by Judge Thompson. The incoming board, which had obtained advice from many eminent and legal to the effect that his title could not be impeached. He said he intended to appoint a gentleman as corporation counsel who was not a politician. He claimed that an injunction served on him by Alderman could not affect him.

The City Hall was pretty well deserted at noon. Politics of all grades were around the City Hall till a very late hour yesterday. The fatuous man and so-called "machines" Republicans are just now to do ascendancy, all awaiting with more or less anxiety what the day may bring forth.

THE FAVORITE WEAPON.

The Axe in the Hands of Escaped Texas Lunatics.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., January 1.—Geo. Washington, a colored religious lunatic who has been confined for a long time at the County Poorhouse, escaped from that institution early yesterday morning. Before leaving he armed himself with an axe and a broadsword. He ran through the streets, shouting, and the victim nearly fled to dear Washington, and the police were summoned, and when they arrived found the negro chasing Captain Karber, the Assistant City Marshal, around the yard, cutting at him with the axe. Fire was opened on the negro from three or four houses, but the negro did not stop but laid on in the house. Karber was severely wounded in the right arm and back, having received several cuts from the axe. Karber would have been killed had the police not arrived as soon as they did, for he had snapped his pistol three times without firing. Washington is not dead, but is in a bad condition, and the wounded negro at the Poorhouse will recover. The affair created a big panic in the neighborhood where it occurred, many fleeing from the madman and barricading their doors. It has not been a great while since a young white boy named George Cawley escaped from the Poorhouse and murdered his mother by splitting her head open with an axe while she was asleep.

**Cattle Disease in Texas.**

FR. WORRALL, Tex., January 2.—Major Edson, agent of the Government Bureau of Animal Industry, is in the city gathering information to embody in a report to that bureau, showing in what parts of the state herds are subject to infectious cattle diseases. He has obtained opinions of the most prominent cattle-men, who are well informed in the theory that north of forty degrees west passes through Southern Tom Green County, there is no appearance of disease, but that herds south of that line derived north are liable to infect cattle in northern counties. Many of the oldest and best cattle in the country, and say there is no greater danger of infection than among the southern breeds.

Mr. Wood proceeded yesterday morning to the office of the Corporation Counsel, and demanded admittance. He was not allowed to enter, and was informed by Mr. Lebowitz, the incumbent of the office, that he should not recognize him. W. H. of any other appointment of Mr. Wood, he was told. Mr. Lebowitz presented a written opinion from Mr. Smithwick, the eminent lawyer, to the effect that it was extremely doubtful that Mr. Kirk had legal authority to make any appointment to office. Mr. Wood then proceeded to speak to Mr. Lebowitz, and the latter advised him to go to the office of the Corporation Counsel, and to wait for the Alderman, as, if Mr. Kirk has no authority to appoint at all, it is a sine qua non under the new law, and does not require any action on the part of the Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Hubert O. Thompson announced yesterday morning that he would turn over the office of Commissioner of Public Works to Mr. E. M. Squire without any opposition. There were rumors that Mr. Thompson would resign, and some of his friends to be appointed to the office by Major Kirk, but this proved to be unfounded. There was also a report that Mr. Thompson would make a fight to retain his office on a technicality, but this also proved to be baseless. Mr. Thompson turned his office over to Mr. Squire about noon with the usual courtesy and all occasions.

At twelve o'clock Mr. Grace appeared at the City Hall and walked into the Mayor's office through an admiring crowd of politicians and a row of police. He was greeted with a round of applause, and when he left the office at the close of office some weeks ago, his first official act yesterday was to instruct the

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